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(b) The Government considered that the question of conducting a preliminary survey of running trolley buses may be dropped and the Government of India have been informed accordingly.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : As a first step, will the Government try to introduce some trolley buses on an experimental basis in the City?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : We cannot try it because the help that is proposed by the Government of India is quite inadequate. The experts who promised to help us are not coming forward now and even if they can be persuaded to come, the cost of their coming from England is higly prohibitive. The firm which offered to give us free service now demands the cost of service. In view of all these, we have decided not to embark upon this experimental programme.

Abolition of the cycle-tax in the City

* 108 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state why the Government declined to ratify the decision of the Corporation of Madras to exempt cycles from the half-yearly tax of Rs. 2 each?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : The Government did not decline to approve the proposal of the Corporation Council to abolish the cycle-tax in the City, but having regard to its financial position, the Council was informed that unless it suggested a method of augmenting its resources by not less than an amount equivalent to the loss involved in its proposal in some other way, which would press less hard on the people, the Government were not prepared to approve the proposal. The Corporation having fulfilled the above condition substantially, the Government have since approved the proposal of the Council to abolish the tax with effect from 1st April 1956.

* 109 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the reasons for rejecting the proposal submitted by the Corporation of Madras during the year 1956 for the abolition of cycle-tax in the City?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 108.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : What is the total revenue which the Corporation of Madras gets under this head?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : Two lakhs of rupees.